

June at Holywood - Calendar Updates for Parents/ Carers

We've just 2 weeks left before we head to the woodland for Week in the Woods - Monday 14th June

For Week in the Woods first timers this means that each day you come to school in your old clothes (long sleeves and long trousers to protect from nettles and snags). You need your wellies and a rain jacket (or sun cream and midgie repellent).

We will be working in the playground and in the woodland on literacy, numeracy, science and technology tasks.

Mrs Byers will come along on the Thursday to organise an orienteering type event in the woods.

Thursday will be campfire cooking day—requests for jam, bread and quesadillas are already in!!

NO CAMP OVER this year! We hope to bring the family camp over back in 2022.

It is officially our favourite week in the school calendar - it's an opportunity to transfer all our outdoor learning skills into the woodland and to try out rich literacy and numeracy tasks in a new context.

Monday 21st June - Sports day

Pupils will need to wear their shorts and t-shirt under joggers and a sweatshirt (unless heat wave!) and bring their trainers for competitive races outdoors.

NO Parents are allowed to attend this year's event. Sorry!

We plan to film the event and pupils have offered to commentate. So it will feel like you haven't missed a thing when you watch it from the comfort of your own home or head out to the back garden for a real sports day feel!

Events such as the sack race, egg and spoon, flat running race and the long distance run will be going ahead as usual. The Random races and the Sibling race will also go ahead.

In the afternoon we plan to have our first inter-house competition. Hockey, rounders, table tennis relay and Quidditch are just some of the games we are thinking about for this afternoon!

Graduation - Wednesday 23rd June - 11am

We are able to invite our P7 parents (maximum 2 family members per P7 pupil) to join us for Graduation. P7 parents will need to wait at the front gate at 11am until a member of staff comes to collect them. While waiting please wear a facemask and be mindful of social distancing. The ceremony will be outdoors and socially distant seating will be provided.

Bring a picnic lunch! We are holding the ceremony at 11am so that P7 parents can stay and join their child for an outdoor picnic lunch which you have to provide! P7 parents can stay until 1pm.

We intend to extend an invite to our 5 pupils from last year who didn't get a chance to say farewells (please note that 4 currently have siblings in school so additional risk has been considered).

We are very sorry that P1-6 parents cannot attend the event this year.

This event will need a dry and sunny day - could everyone please put in a good word for us to the weather fairies?!

Waterslide Day - Friday 25th June

We are planning to hold waterslide day on the last day of term. For first timers - this is a 30m water/ soap slide which runs down the big hill in the playground. A free wash!!

Pupils will need to wear their swimsuit/shorts and a t-shirt. They should come in their slide wear and bring a towel. All belongings should be brought in a Bag for Life which can be wiped.

We intend to extend an invite to our 5 pupils from last year who didn't get a chance for a last waterslide (please note that 4 currently have siblings in school so additional risk has been considered).



We're really sad that once again we can't run our events the way we normally like to.

But we know that one day we will get back to normal-ish.

Thank you for all your support and understanding - it is as always, very much appreciated.

STAY SAFE!